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Safety Alert Letter **2007-07-10**

Please forward this information to all users and biomedical staff concerned.

Subject: **Overcharging of Batteries**

Products affected: KION/
KION-i (not in US)

Dear Customer,

The purpose of this letter is to inform users of KION/KION-i units about the potential risk and effects of overcharging of the batteries.

In the event of prolonged charging and defective internal batteries, the batteries may be overcharged with the potential risk for the release of acid fumes from the batteries.

There is one incident reported when a KION/KION-i was overcharged during service.

Indications

If the KION Display battery indicator does not show "100%" battery capacity within a battery charging time of 12 hours the batteries are not working properly and may become overheated.

Disconnect KION/KION-i from mains power supply and contact your KION/KION-i service technician for a battery replacement.

Remedy when in clinical use

If the operator notices a smell of fumes from the KION/KION-i, switch off the KION/KION-i and disconnect it from the mains power supply.
Switch on the Emergency O_2, ventilate the patient via the Manual breathing bag.
Exchange the KION/KION-i as soon as possible and contact your factory authorized service technician.

Recommended Precautions

As stated in the Operating Manual and the Service Manual the internal battery shall be replaced every three years. This normally ensures a properly working battery.

Corrective action

A new supplement to the Operating Manual will be made.
This supplement will state:

"If the KION Display battery indicator does not show "100%" battery capacity within a battery charging time of 12 hours the battery does not work properly and may get overheated.

Disconnect KION/KION-i from mains power supply and contact your KION/KION-i service technician for a battery replacement"

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We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and we will do our utmost to carry through this action as swiftly as possible.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact your local Maquet representative.

Sincerely,

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